

Judge Sean P. O'Donnell

Judge O'Donnell joined the King County Superior Court bench on January 14, 2013. He assumed the position previously occupied by Judge Sharon Armstrong, who retired from the bench.

Judge O'Donnell started his legal career as a Rule 9 intern for then-Attorney General Christine Gregoire. The late Norm Maleng then hired him as a full-time deputy prosecutor. While at the King County Prosecutor's Office, Judge O'Donnell served as a member of the Green River Task Force, helping successfully prosecute the nation's most prolific serial killer, Gary L. Ridgway. Judge O'Donnell went on to prosecute the state's first commercial sexual abuse of a minor case and the state's first human trafficking case. His work with juveniles who are forced or manipulated into prostitution saw him travel the country as the National Association of Attorneys General's Chief Trainer for Human Trafficking. Judge O'Donnell also was cross-designated as an Assistant United States Attorney.

Judge O'Donnell has been active in the community, serving as chair of the Washington State Bar Association's Legislative Committee, as an adjunct faculty member at Seattle University School of Law, and as a member of the Children's Response Center Advisory Board and the Green River Community College Criminal Justice Advisory Board.